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**To:** "Steve Vance"  
**Subject:** Checking in on our proposed dates of Sept 30 through October 3  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 6:10:00 PM

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I just wanted to let you know that we are nearing the end of our federal fiscal year. If we do not have our travel request submitted by the end of this week, we will not be able to travel again until late October. I just wanted to check in to see if our proposed dates of Sept 30 through October 3 might work so we can submit our travel requests. If not, I will look at the late October/early November weeks and propose some dates. Just let me know how things are looking.

Thanks!

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**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2019 6:18:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [UIC factsheet flver\\_082619.pdf](#)

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Valois,

I am requesting an extension of ninety (90), days for the public comment period for the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ Underground Injection Control Draft Area Permits.

There are many other issues concerning the Dewey-Burdock project that also needs to be addressed by federal agencies besides EPA. This short time frame does not allow the public sufficient time to prepare comments or response to such a project that would cause lifelong effects to their well health and well being, especially those who live along the Cheyenne River.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), has failed in the government-to-government consultation, as required by regulations, and has not properly addressed the "effects" of the Dewey-Burdock project and several others. NRC is not capable of addressing the environmental concerns that would occur from injection wells.

Respectfully,

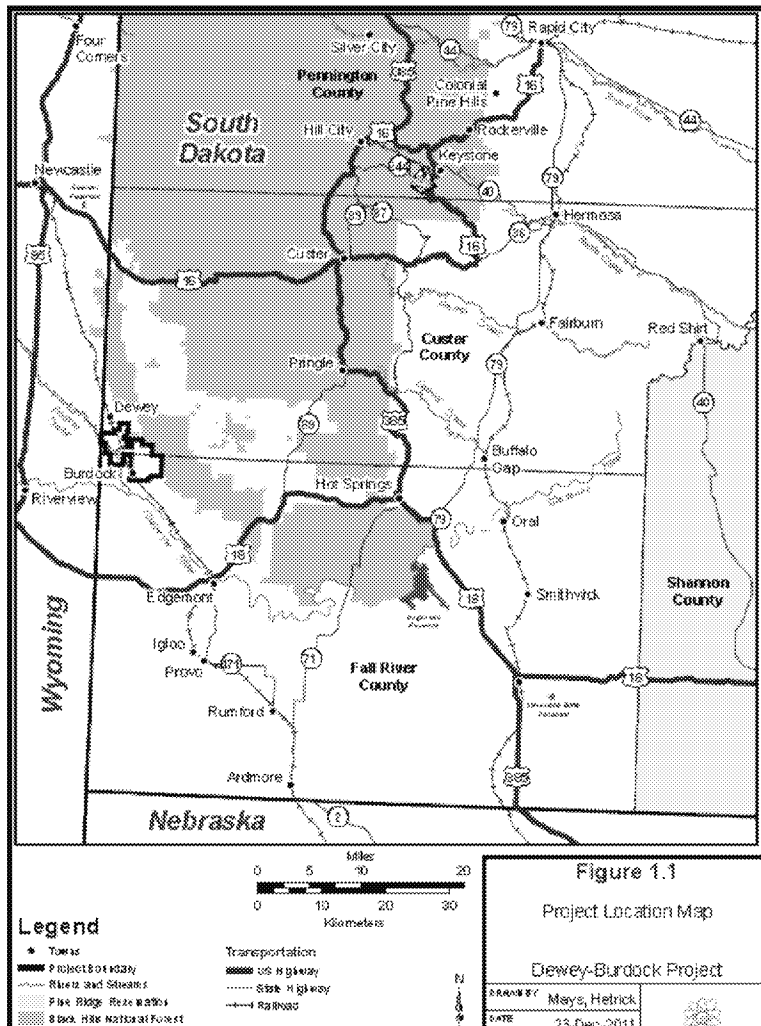
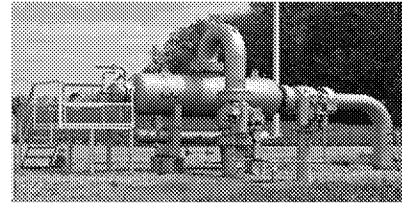
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# Public Hearing Scheduled

## Underground Injection Control Draft Permits



- EPA has issued two draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) Area Permits to Powertech (USA) Inc. for injection activities related to uranium recovery.

Beginning August 26, 2019, the draft permits are available at the EPA Region 8 UIC Program website:

<https://www.epa.gov/uic/uic-epa-region-8>

- EPA is also proposing to exempt uranium-bearing portions of the Inyan Kara aquifer from protection under the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- EPA will hold a public hearing (to hear comments) on October 5th (see below for details). EPA will accept public comments until October 10, 2019.

## Public Hearing Information:

**Saturday, October 5, 2019**

**from 9:00 am to 12 noon (with a break from 12 to 2 pm) and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at:**

**The Mueller Center  
801 South 6th Street  
Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747**

Anyone can provide written comments during the public comment period by submitting them online at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under docket number EPA-R08-OW-2019-0512. Comments may also be sent by mail to Valois Robinson, U.S. EPA Region 8, Mail Code: 8WD-SDU, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129.

For public comments to be included as part of the official administrative record, they must be received by EPA no later than October 10, 2019.

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**Subject:** USEPA Public Notice: EPA Region 8 Re-issuance of Draft Underground Injection Control Permits and Aquifer Exemption Record of Decision for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium In-Situ Recovery Site

Dear Tribal Partners:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting public comment by midnight Mountain Daylight Time on October 10, 2019, on two Underground Injection Control (UIC) Draft Area Permits and one associated proposed aquifer exemption decision for the Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) site located near Edgemont, South Dakota, under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act and UIC program regulations. The Dewey-Burdock

site is located in southwestern Custer County and northwestern Fall River County, on the Wyoming/South Dakota border. Please feel free to share the attached flyer with other interested parties. Public notices are also being published this week in local news sources. Written comments must be submitted online at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under docket number **EPA-R08-OW-2019-0512**. Comments may also be sent by mail to Valois Robinson, U.S. EPA Region 8, Mail Code: 8WD-SDU, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129. The EPA has also scheduled a public hearing on the following date, time and location: Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm at the: The Mueller Center  
801 South 6th Street  
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The public may also provide written and/or verbal comments during the public hearing. The Administrative Record for these UIC Program proposed actions is available for review at: <https://www.epa.gov/uic/uic-epa-region-8>.

**Summary:** The EPA Region 8 UIC Program is re-issuing two Draft UIC Area Permits to Powertech (USA) Inc., Suite #140, 5575 DTC Parkway, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111, for injection activities related to uranium recovery. One is a UIC Class III Area Permit for injection wells for the ISR of uranium; the second is a UIC Class V Area Permit for deep injection wells that will be used to dispose of ISR process waste fluids into the Minnelusa Formation after treatment to meet radioactive waste and hazardous waste standards. The EPA is also re-proposing an aquifer exemption approval in connection with the Class III Area Permit to exempt the uranium-bearing portions of the Inyan Kara Group aquifers. The EPA requested public comments on these permit actions in March 2017. After reviewing the comments received and modifying the draft actions, the EPA is requesting additional public input on these actions. At the close of the public comment period, the EPA will review and consider all comments received during both the 2017 and 2019 public comment periods and during all the public hearings and make decisions on final actions. The EPA will also prepare a written statement addressing all the comments received that are relevant to the UIC Class III and V Draft UIC Area Permits.

**Information Available for Review:** All information submitted by the applicant and generated by the EPA during permit application review is available for public review as part of the administrative record and is available on the EPA Region 8 UIC Program website: <https://www.epa.gov/uic/uic-epa-region-8>. Available documents include the permit applications, draft Permits, fact sheet documents and other supporting documents. A paper version of the administrative record is also available for public viewing in the EPA Region 8 Library located on the third floor at 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, excluding federal holidays. All visitors to the Region 8 office must show a picture ID such as a current driver's license. Visitors must also register at the guard desk in the lobby before proceeding to the Library.

In addition to seeking comments on the Class III and V draft area permits, the EPA is seeking public comment on: 1) the identification of traditional cultural properties at the Dewey-Burdock Project Site Area of Potential Effects, on the potential adverse effects of the proposed project, and on measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic and traditional cultural properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR § 800.2(d) and § 800.6(a)(4); 2) options for approval of the aquifer exemption that Powertech requested related to the Class III permit application which are discussed in the Aquifer Exemption draft Record of Decision; and 3) a revised draft environmental justice analysis for the Dewey-Burdock UIC permitting actions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to Valois Robinson at [robinson.valois@epa.gov](mailto:robinson.valois@epa.gov). Please note that public comments will only be accepted online or by

mail and not at this email address.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Robinson, Valois  
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**Subject:** Proposed Draft Agenda for your review/edits for our September 30 meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 1:08:00 PM  
**Attachments:** DraftAgenda CheyenneRiverSiouxTribeEPAMeeting.docx

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Hi Steve,

I have attached a proposed draft agenda for our meeting on Monday, September 30, for you to review and send edits back to me. Please share it and get input as you think appropriate. If meeting attendees do not have time to review and provide edits back to me before the meeting, the second item on the list is to get input on the agenda from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. I just wanted a place holder for topics that seem appropriate for discussion, but we want to make sure we cover the topics the Tribe wants to discuss.

Thanks!

*Valois*

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**From:** Robinson, Valois  
**To:** "Steve Vance"  
**Subject:** Proposed meeting time - 1:00 pm Monday, Sept 30  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 9:01:00 AM

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Hi Steve,

Based on the earlier flight I could find, we can be at Eagle Butte by 1:00 pm for our meeting. How long would you like the meeting to last?

Thanks!

*Valois*

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**Proposed Draft Agenda**  
**Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe /EPA Region 8 Consultation Meeting**  
**Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium In-Situ Recovery Site**  
**Monday, September 30, 2019**  
**1:00 pm Mountain Time**  
**Cultural Preservation Conference Room, 98 South Willow Street, Eagle Butte**

- I. Introductions
- II. Additions/changes to the agenda from Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- III. The EPA's proposed actions at the Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery site
  1. The Underground Injection Control (UIC) regulatory mission and UIC permitting process
  2. A Class III Draft Area Permit for injection of lixiviant for uranium recovery
  3. A Class V Draft Area Permit for disposal of treated ISR waste fluids into deep injection wells
  4. Proposed Exemption of uranium ore-bearing aquifers to allow injection of lixiviant
- IV. Tribal Consultation
  1. Treaty Rights:
    - a. Discuss information provided in the June 19, 2017 letters.
    - b. Provide additional information/concerns.
  2. Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act:
    - a. Discuss information provided in the June 19, 2017 letters.
    - b. Provide additional information/concerns.
- V. Environmental Justice Analysis
- VI. Tribal Concerns
- VII. Next Steps

From: Robinson, Valois  
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Subject: RE: Checking in on our proposed dates of Sept 30 through October 3  
Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 3:20:00 PM

We would need to fly out Monday morning. If we fly into Rapid City we could be there in time for a 2:00 pm meeting. Would that work?

Thanks!

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The office address is 98 South Willow Street, Eagle Butte, SD.

My cell number is [605-964-7554](tel:605-964-7554) Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (opt.)

Respectfully,

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Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:44 PM

To: Robinson, Valois <[Robinson.Valois@epa.gov](mailto:Robinson.Valois@epa.gov)>

Subject: Re: Checking in on our proposed dates of Sept 30 through October 3


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**To:** [Robinson, Valois](#)  
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**From:** [Steve Vance](#)  
**To:** [Robinson, Valois](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Checking on meeting location & giving you my cell phone #  
**Date:** Friday, September 27, 2019 3:21:30 PM  
**Attachments:** [image004.png](#)

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Valois,

That building is Missouri Breaks. You continue down the same street south to the STOP sign then continue south for about 150 yards. There is a faded Cultural Preservation Office sign by the road and we are tucked back about 75 yards from the gravel road.

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**Sent:** Friday, September 27, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** [stevev.crstpres@outlook.com](mailto:stevev.crstpres@outlook.com) <[stevev.crstpres@outlook.com](mailto:stevev.crstpres@outlook.com)>  
**Subject:** Checking on meeting location & giving you my cell phone #

Hi Steve,

Thanks for giving me your cell phone number. Mine is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
I was working in driving directions & just want to be sure: Is this 98 Willow Street in the red box? - Thanks!



*Valois*

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**From:** [Steve Vance](#)  
**To:** [Galen Laurence](#); [Robinson, Valois](#)  
**Cc:** [Harold Frazier](#); [Bob Walters](#); [Bryce In The Woods](#); [David DD Nelson](#); [Matt Vogel](#); [Remi Bald Eagle](#)  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Invitation for Consultation – Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
**Date:** Friday, August 16, 2019 1:46:48 PM

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Galen and Valois,

After visited with Tribal programs regarding a meeting with Region 8 EPA representatives, we have selected September 17, 2019 at 10:00am on the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation in Eagle Butte, SD. Tentatively the meeting will be at the Cultural Preservation Office, 98 South Willow Street. If you need directions feel free to call my cellphone at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 1:38 PM  
**To:** [dnelson@crstepd.org](mailto:dnelson@crstepd.org) <[dnelson@crstepd.org](mailto:dnelson@crstepd.org)>; [stevev.crstpres@outlook.com](mailto:stevev.crstpres@outlook.com)  
<[stevev.crstpres@outlook.com](mailto:stevev.crstpres@outlook.com)>  
**Subject:** EPA Invitation for Consultation – Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Greetings David and Steven,

The attached letter and enclosures are being sent to you on behalf of EPA Region 8. The EPA R8 Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program would like to invite you to consult on revised draft permits for injection wells and associated draft documents related to the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery site in the southern Black Hills region near Edgemont, South Dakota.

If you are interested in meeting with the EPA, please reply to Valois Robinson of the EPA R8 UIC program. Ms. Robinson can be reached at 800-227-8917 (extension 312-6276) or 303-312-6276. She may also be reached by email at [robinson.valois@epa.gov](mailto:robinson.valois@epa.gov).

If you have any questions, you may also respond to this email directly; we will be happy to convey questions or comments to EPA.

Thank you,

Galen Laurence

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From: Robinson, Valois  
To: "Steve Vance"  
Subject: RE: Proposed meeting time - 1:00 pm Monday, Sept 30  
Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 9:54:00 AM

Hi Steve,  
Thanks so much for getting back to me. We will lock in our flight reservations so we can be in Eagle Butte at 1:00 pm on September 30.  
I appreciate your coordination efforts. I know it can be challenging working with the calendars of so many busy people!  
Valois

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From: Steve Vance <[stevev.crstpres@outlook.com](mailto:stevev.crstpres@outlook.com)>

Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 9:50 AM

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Subject: Re: Proposed meeting time - 1:00 pm Monday, Sept 30

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Valois,

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**Subject:** Re: Proposed meeting time - 1:00 pm Monday, Sept 30  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 9:50:15 AM

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**From:** [Steve Vance](#)  
**To:** [Robinson, Valois](#)  
**Subject:** Re: proposed meeting times for consultation with the EPA  
**Date:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:07:02 PM

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**To:** Steve Vance <[stevev.crstpres@outlook.com](mailto:stevev.crstpres@outlook.com)>  
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**To:** Robinson, Valois <[Robinson.Valois@epa.gov](mailto:Robinson.Valois@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: proposed meeting times for consultation with the EPA

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**From:** [Steve Vance](#)  
**To:** [Robinson, Valois](#)  
**Subject:** Re: proposed meeting times for consultation with the EPA  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:46:12 AM

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Valois,  
I asked the Chairman's Secretary to set September 30th for the meeting with Region 8 EPA. I don't know the availability of the Chairman for the 30th but I will let you know if he can attend or not.

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**From:** [Steve Vance](#)  
**To:** [Robinson, Valois](#)  
**Subject:** Re: proposed meeting times for consultation with the EPA  
**Date:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:18:29 PM

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**From:** Robinson, Valois  
**To:** "Steve Vance"  
**Subject:** RE: USEPA Public Notice: EPA Region 8 Re-issuance of Draft Underground Injection Control Permits and Aquifer Exemption Record of Decision for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium In-Situ Recovery Site  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2019 6:05:00 PM

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Hi Steve,

Thanks for you email. The EPA is about to finalize its decision on extending the public comment period. You are and Chairman Frazier on the email list to be contacted. I will send a follow-up email on consultation.

*Valois*

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**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 6:19 PM

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**Subject:** Fw: USEPA Public Notice: EPA Region 8 Re-issuance of Draft Underground Injection Control Permits and Aquifer Exemption Record of Decision for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium In-Situ Recovery Site

Valois,

I am requesting an extension of ninety (90), days for the public comment period for the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ Underground Injection Control Draft Area Permits. There are many other issues concerning the Dewy-Burdock project that also needs to be addressed by federal agencies besides EPA. This short time frame does not allow the public sufficient time to prepare comments or response to such a project that would cause lifelong effects to their well health and well being, especially those who live along the Cheyenne River. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), has failed in the government-to-government consultation, as required by regulations, and has not properly addressed the "effects" of the Dewey-Burdock project and several others. NRC is not capable of addressing the environmental concerns that would occur from injection wells.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Minter, Douglas <[Minter.Douglas@epa.gov](mailto:Minter.Douglas@epa.gov)>

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**Subject:** USEPA Public Notice: EPA Region 8 Re-issuance of Draft Underground Injection Control Permits and Aquifer Exemption Record of Decision for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium In-Situ Recovery Site

Dear Tribal Partners:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting public comment by midnight Mountain Daylight Time on October 10, 2019, on two Underground Injection Control (UIC) Draft Area Permits and one associated proposed aquifer exemption decision for the Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) site located near Edgemont, South Dakota, under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act and UIC program regulations. The Dewey-Burdock site is located in southwestern Custer County and northwestern Fall River County, on the Wyoming/South Dakota border. Please feel free to share the attached flyer with other interested parties. Public notices are also being published this week in local news sources. Written comments must be submitted online at regulations.gov under docket number **EPA-R08-OW-2019-0512**. Comments may also be sent by mail to Valois Robinson, U.S. EPA Region 8, Mail Code: 8WD-SDU, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129.

The EPA has also scheduled a public hearing on the following date, time and location: Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm at the:

The Mueller Center

801 South 6th Street

Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747

The public may also provide written and/or verbal comments during the public hearing.

The Administrative Record for these UIC Program proposed actions is available for review at: <https://www.epa.gov/uic/uic-epa-region-8>.

**Summary:** The EPA Region 8 UIC Program is re-issuing two Draft UIC Area Permits to Powertech (USA) Inc., Suite #140, 5575 DTC Parkway, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111, for injection activities related to uranium recovery. One is a UIC Class III Area Permit for injection wells for the ISR of uranium; the second is a UIC Class V Area Permit for deep injection wells that will be used to dispose of ISR process waste fluids into the Minnelusa Formation after treatment to meet radioactive waste and hazardous waste standards. The EPA is also re-proposing an aquifer exemption approval in connection with the Class III Area Permit to exempt the uranium-bearing portions of the Inyan Kara Group aquifers. The EPA requested public comments on these permit actions in March 2017. After reviewing the comments received and modifying the draft actions, the EPA is requesting additional public input on these actions. At the close of the public comment period, the EPA will review and consider all comments received during both the 2017 and 2019 public comment periods and during all the public hearings and make decisions on final actions. The EPA will also prepare a written statement addressing all the comments received that are relevant to

the UIC Class III and V Draft UIC Area Permits.

**Information Available for Review:** All information submitted by the applicant and generated by the EPA during permit application review is available for public review as part of the administrative record and is available on the EPA Region 8 UIC Program website:

<https://www.epa.gov/uic/uic-epa-region-8>. Available documents include the permit applications, draft Permits, fact sheet documents and other supporting documents. A paper version of the administrative record is also available for public viewing in the EPA Region 8 Library located on the third floor at 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, excluding federal holidays. All visitors to the Region 8 office must show a picture ID such as a current driver's license. Visitors must also register at the guard desk in the lobby before proceeding to the Library.

In addition to seeking comments on the Class III and V draft area permits, the EPA is seeking public comment on: 1) the identification of traditional cultural properties at the Dewey-Burdock Project Site Area of Potential Effects, on the potential adverse effects of the proposed project, and on measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic and traditional cultural properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR § 800.2(d) and § 800.6(a)(4); 2) options for approval of the aquifer exemption that Powertech requested related to the Class III permit application which are discussed in the Aquifer Exemption draft Record of Decision; and 3) a revised draft environmental justice analysis for the Dewey-Burdock UIC permitting actions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to Valois Robinson at [robinson.valois@epa.gov](mailto:robinson.valois@epa.gov). Please note that public comments will only be accepted online or by mail and not at this email address.

Sincerely,

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